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SUBJECT: STATUS OF MAURITANIAN OFF-SHORE OIL DRILLING

1. MAURITANIAN DIRECTOR OF MINES AND GEOLOGY COMMENTED TO CHARGE JANUARY 8 THAT APPROXIMATELY WEEK AGO SHELL OIL COMPANY TERMINATED, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING, ITS DEEP WELL OIL-DRILLING OPERATION OFF MAURITANIAN COAST. AT PRESENT MOMENT, THEREFORE, NO DRILLING IS TAKING PLACE IN MAURITANIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS.

2. MAURITANIAN EMPLOYED BY WESTERN ENTERPRISES, INC., WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF COASTAL STATES GAS PRODUCING COMPANY HEADQUARTERED IN HOUSTON, IS ABOUT TO BEGIN PRELIMINARY WORK FOR DRILLING OFF MAURITANIAN COAST. COMPANY IS WAITING FOR ARRIVAL OF SEISMIC RESEARCH VESSEL FROM GABON WHICH IT HOPES WILL BE IN PLACE BY FEBRUARY. COMPANY THEN PLANS TO CHARTER DRILLING RIG AND WORK IN ABOUT 100 METERS OF WATER. WESTERN ENTERPRISES, WHICH WILL ESTABLISH HEADQUARTERS AT NOUADHIBOU, IS ENCOURAGED BY PROSPECTS BASED ON EARLIER SEISMIC STUDIES OF AREA. SHINN

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